

## THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

STATE OF NEW YORK, 1  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, ALBANY, JAN. 3, 1882.

To THE LEGISLATURE: Uninterrupted prosperity has attended the people of this State during the year just ended, in all commercial and industrial interests save in the pursuit of agriculture, from which only a moderate return of the products of the soil has been realized, in consequence of the summer drought; but this deficiency has not been such as to occasion suffering or alarm. Stimulated by the unprecedented development of manufacturing enterprises of various kinds, cities and villages have taken new and rapid growth, and the establishment of many recent railway lines promises at no distant day important and valuable additions to public facilities for transportation. Investments in building and other permanent improvements have been larger and less speculative than in any previous year, and an increasing demand for labor, therefore, with corresponding benefit of compensation, has perceptibly improved the condition and promoted the contentment of the working classes. To the shiftings and improvement and idleness we alone confined. For these blessings in such measure bestowed, as well as for the satisfactory state of the public health, the observance of law, and the preservation of order, it becomes us to manifest our thanksfulness to the God who has given us. His gracious favor and guidance we seek. His continued favor and guidance through the coming year.

But though peculiarly blessed in material respects, we have been suddenly plunged into national grief and mourning. The wicked assassination of the President of the United States convulsed every heart. The whole civilized world felt the blow. That the Chief Magistrate of this great republic should be murderously assailed and, languishing, die, in a time of such general prosperity and peace, produced a shock unparalleled in our history. Sorrow fell over all like a pall. The expressions of sympathy, coming with signal accord from every quarter of Christendom, evidenced impressively the amity and respect entertained toward us by all enlightened nations. But that such an appalling event could occur without violent or disastrous consequences to public order, and with no excitement or tumult attending the transfer of executive power to the constitutional successor, affords a fitting illustration of the wisdom and stability of our form of government, enduring in the devotion and loyalty of the American people. To the munificent provision for the widow and fatherless children, quickly undertaken and accomplished in a noble impulse and spirit, citizens of this State contributed with a liberality and zeal alike honorable to themselves and to the proud name sustained by New York in the sisterhood of Union.

**FINANCES.**  
The prudent and economical administration of the financial affairs of the State is demonstrated by the condition of the State Treasury, and must prove gratifying to every citizen. During the past year the public revenues have been adequate to satisfy all legitimate claims, and provide \$276,500 for the sinking fund, leaving on hand, besides, a surplus larger by \$1,366,855 than that which existed at the close of the preceding year. The operations of the financial department for the past fiscal year and the general condition of the State Treasury on the 30th of September, 1881, are exhibited by the following detailed statement:

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.	
Aggregate balance in the Treasury of all funds, Sept. 30, 1881.	\$33,448,251.36
Aggregate receipts during the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1881.	14,049,430.00
Debt due payments during the year.	13,888,670.00
Balance in the Treasury Sept. 30, 1881.	\$33,601,880.71
The amount of receipts into the Treasury on account of the sinking fund revenue during the year ending Sept. 30, 1881.	\$35,571.00
Apparent surplus of the revenue Sept. 30, 1881.	\$170,904.70
<b>SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT.</b>	
Balances due from County Treasurers, Sept. 30, 1881.	\$247,035.67
And amount paid on account of 1881 appropriations included in tax levy payable from the State to the counties, \$247,035.67, of which \$246,035 was for new capital.	
Apparent surplus of the revenue Sept. 30, 1881, as shown in preceding statement.	1,021,272.51
Total.	\$170,904.70
<b>DEBT.</b>	
On the 30th of September, 1880, the total funded debt was \$9,114,054.57, classified as follows:	
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**COLLEGES AND ACADEMIES.**  
Reports have been received by the Regents of the University during the past year from twenty-two literary colleges, comprising 385 students, and 100 professors, and the amount of tuition fees to the amount of \$17,240.60, also net tuition fees from 239 academic institutions, with 1,182 instructors and 31,056 pupils, of the intermediate and secondary schools, and the amount of tuition fees to the amount of \$17,240.60.

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